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Post museum unveils Algernourne exhibit

BY BELINDA BAKER
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

In the early years of the 17th century, a small and determined band of men established a tenuous claim to a new land. Life was hard and often dangerous. Local natives eyed the settlement with suspicion that sometimes turned to violence. Across the Atlantic, another power claimed the same territory and vowed to find and destroy these interlopers and prevent any more of them from arriving.

Welcome to coastal Virginia, circa 1607. The English had arrived to establish the first permanent colony in Jamestown.

It didn't take long for the settlers to realize they needed protection from invading Spanish forces and other fierce enemies. While exploring the new colony in 1608, Captain John Smith recognized that the piece of land on which Fort Monroe sits today controlled the shipping channel into Hampton Roads and the entrance to the James River.

Thus, Fort Algernourne was erected in 1609, here at Old Point Comfort, to guard the region's coast. The story of the colonial fort is now being told at the Casemate Museum via a new exhibit that greets patrons at the entryway.

"If someone were coming (to the museum) and had no idea about Virginia history, what they would find is that this area was important to the defense of Jamestown because of its geographic location. Old Point Comfort sits precisely where any invading fleet would have to pass to enter this area," said museum director Dennis Mroczkowski.

"What we are trying to convey is how Fort Monroe fits within the history of the defense of our nation."

Dennis Mroczkowski
CASEMATE MUSEUM

"I'm hoping that this exhibit will act as an introduction for the museum. (And) as people walk through they will realize that they are looking at ideas that center on fortification ... how a nation defends its coast and how we took advantage of developing technologies over time in defense of our nation."

The new exhibit depicts the crudely built wooden fort and will contain some artifacts like

ceramic and pottery remnants and Native American arrowheads. Two mannequins, decked out in expertly replicated 17th century attire, figuratively hold down the fort with colonial era weapons in hand.

Mroczkowski said the exhibit provides some ideas about the types of armaments colonists used and what their defense capabilities were at Fort Algernourne. "The English colonists brought with them weapons that were familiar to them from England. These included pikes, swords ... and very heavy, cumbersome firearms. They found out very quickly that most of these were not very good for fighting the enemies they encountered."

He said the fort's artillery would have included demi-culverin capable of firing an 11-pound round about one mile and sakers that fired smaller six-pound rounds at the same range. "Unfortunately these guns could not have done much damage to any invading fleet, but the fort served to warn Jamestown colonists by at least slowing enemy advances. That was an important part of its mission in protecting the coast."

Fort Algernourne was named in honor of England's first Lord of Algonquian, See **ALGERNOURNE, Page 3**

TODAY IS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY AT THE FRAME AND CRAFT SHOP! Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 788-2728.

As with the blessings of liberty, there is responsibility in faith.

What does your faith mean to you?

I recently read an article in which a woman in Nepal was interviewed about King Gyanendra's decision to remove the government of Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and the ensuing problems it caused. She began well enough, stating that politicians "should be allowed to do good with the power given to them."

Rightly so ... that is the purpose of government (according to scriptures). The woman also stated that she had voted in the past. "I used to think it was important to vote so I'd go and do it. It was important when elections were happening."

But the really sad part of this interview was her closing statement: "It's good to have democracy – but I really don't know what it all means."

Some may not realize

Chaplain's Corner



Maj. Jerald Jacobs
Post chaplain's office

just what a gift democracy is – especially when the responsibilities of living in a free society interfere with personal desires or schedules.

The woman in Nepal is not alone. Far too few realize the sacred privilege and "unspeakable gifts" that are freedom and self-determination. Far too many vote based on name recognition

or party identification and don't even know what comes after the election. Because they don't remain engaged and involved in the legislative and executive processes, they miss the benefit of having the system work for them, not against them.

Sadly, this is often true for too many people of faith. They have a solid faith in, and commitment to, God, but "really don't know what it all means."

Just as voting brings with it responsibility to stay involved in the system, so too does faith in God. What does your faith mean to you? How does it work for you?

Judaism, Christianity and Islam all say that we may have a right relationship with the Creator of the universe. We can live in obedience and trust and receive supernatural blessing.

While they differ on how we enter into that right relationship, all three would say that God loves us and desires the best for us in all things. That may include physical blessings, but God is more concerned that we be spiritually, physically and emotionally healthy.

He wants us to maintain a relationship with each other as He relates to us – truthfully, faithfully and peacefully. As we live in a right relationship with God, He helps us to live the same way with others.

The greatest blessing is God's presence at all times and in all the events of our lives. God helps us to meet every need. In every trial, God is with us to guide us safely through it. In every blessing, God is present as the Giver. In every decision, God is there to help us choose wisely.

As with the blessings of liberty, there is responsibility

in faith. We desire to live consistently with the nature of this God who so loves us and with His instruction. God doesn't demand perfection of us, but He helps us to keep working toward that goal.

People learning about United States citizenship can be a little overwhelmed by how the system works, but they can understand that democracy involves both responsibilities and privileges. In the same way, people of faith don't have to know all the "how's." They need to know that God is at work in their lives and that they can choose to obey and be blessed.

If in your faith you "really don't know what it all means," your chaplain has a lot of resources to help you learn. Let's grow together and learn more and more about what it all means.

God bless you.

Participation is key, and it begins with readership.

Your role in the Casemate's road ahead

B old, innovative layouts ... a new, enthusiastic staff ... and more special features that promote individual recognition and community participation ... your Fort Monroe Casemate has come a long way in the past 18 months.

And the newspaper staff learned this week that the publication earned honorable mention during the Northeast Region's "Liberty Bell" Journalism Competition. Furthermore, its editor was named the Civilian Print Journalist of the Year for NERO, and will now go on to compete in the Army-wide Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition.

Other individual awards from the NERO contest included a second place nod

Community Spotlight

By Nancy J. Popejoy
Post Public Affairs Officer

in the feature writing category for Patricia Radcliffe, the Casemate's assistant editor, and honorable mention for photojournalism went to the editor.

Clearly, the Casemate is heading in the right direction as far as quality and content are concerned. Its success is a direct result of the support of the garrison commander and his staff, and the continued contributions of community members – in particular, the chaplains, MWR, the school liaison officer, DPW/L, the

Provost Marshal and our guest writers.

The question now is, "where do we go from here?" What would put our publication in first place during future contests? Or, more importantly, how can the Casemate better serve your needs? Winning awards for great pictures and interesting content is all well and good, but our foremost goal is to serve the command information needs of our customers.

Participation is the key, and it begins with readership. Our publication is printed at no cost to the government – the publisher is paid through commercial advertising. And there's no simpler way of putting it than: "empty newsstands are a very good thing."

Greater readership equals additional ads, which results in extra cash to invest into the publication.

One of the Casemate's primary goals is more pages each issue. With extra space, we can expand our news, feature and sports sections, and run special columns like "This Week in the Army" on a routine basis. You, the reader, are literally the cornerstone of that initiative.

To keep readership high, we also realize the importance of providing top quality (award winning) stories and photos that focus on a wide variety of community life programs and initiatives, as well as individual accomplishment. Again ... your input is crucial.

If there is a story you

would like to see in the Casemate, tell us about it. If you took a great photo and would like to share with others, send us a copy. If someone in your duty section or office has an interesting hobby, wins a significant award or donates countless hours to community service, clue us in with a phone call.

Your role in the Casemate's road ahead is an important one. And we gladly share the limelight of our recent awards with you.

Please let us know how we can continue to serve the needs of the Fort Monroe community. The phone numbers are as follows:

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Two mannequins, decked out in expertly replicated 17th century attire and carrying colonial era weapons, figuratively hold down the fort at the Casemate Museum.

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William de Percy, said Mroczkowski. It was most likely a triangular stockade staffed by 50 people and armed with seven heavy cannons alongside several smaller weapons. The fort also housed a storehouse and living quarters.

A simple structure when first built, Fort Algernourne became a sturdy fortification by 1611 and carried out its mission until 1612 when a fire sealed its doom.

"To really understand the history of Fort Monroe, we had to look at the fort itself as an artifact — something that is made to achieve a specific purpose and which has changed over time," noted the museum director.

"What we are trying to convey is how Fort Monroe fits within the history of the defense of our nation. So we take a look at Fort Algernourne and how it establishes a tradition for coastal defense in America. More importantly, we wanted to give deeper emphasis to the fact that this area is of strategic significance."

Leaders in England and Spain fully recognized the area's strategic importance when they began colonizing the New World. Spain routinely sent convoys to this region to spy on the English colony. Members of the Jamestown Colony captured one of their spies, Don Diego de Molina, in 1611.

During his captivity Molina wrote several letters to Don Alonzo de Velasco, Spanish Ambassador in London, from 1610 to 1613. He reported on the weaknesses of area fortifications and encouraged the ambassador to use force to stop the progress of English colonization in the

New World.

He described the river inlets of the Chesapeake Bay and tried to convince his leaders that this region would prove profitable to the Spanish because of gold and silver mines in the region. In 1890 the English translation of Molina's letters was published in Alexander Brown's book, "Genesis of the United States."

An excerpt from a letter reportedly written May 28, 1613 reads: "... but that which is most to the point is that the bay runs northeast by east and at four leagues

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Dennis Mroczkowski
CASEMATE MUSEUM

distance from its mouth is this river from the south, nine fathoms in depth. At the entrance is a fort (a reference to Fort Algernourne) or, to speak more exactly, a weak structure of boards ten hands high with twenty-five soldiers and four iron pieces ... Twenty leagues off is this colony (a reference to Jamestown) with one hundred and fifty persons and six pieces ..."

Mroczkowski said much of what is on display in the Fort Algernourne exhibit is reproduction because not many artifacts from the period have ever been found in archaeological surveys undertaken at the fort. In fact, he noted, the same company that out-

fits Colonial Williamsburg performers made the costumes shown in this display.

A few items like pipe stems and bits and pieces of pottery and ceramics were unearthed and will be used in the exhibit, he pointed out. Those things were authenticated based on what researchers know about the way things were made from one era to the next.

Mroczkowski said he believes museum visitors will enjoy the new exhibit and walk away with some good information.

"This exhibit is going to be the first thing people see as soon as they walk through the museum's door. I hope it will set the tone for what our visitors will see as they continue through the entire building. We try to capture the history of Old Point Comfort, back to the colonial period and all of the changes that this fort has gone through in its 186 years.

"We link it on one end to Fort Algernourne and (go) all the way up to the establishment of TRADOC. In between, we try to give insight about the role the early forts played not only in the colonial period but also Fort Monroe in the Civil War and other eras as well. We also look at the role of the Coast Artillery Corps in the 20th century and how the fort established traditions in coastal defense of our nation. All of these individual stories weave into the larger story of Fort Monroe."

The Casemate Museum is free to the public. It's open Sunday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, or to arrange a group tour, call 788-3391.

Women's History Month

Post observance features top-ranking female Soldier

Becoming a general officer was never the grand plan for Maj. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, the highest-ranking female Soldier in U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The senior officer of the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee chose a simple objective early on in her career that has not changed in 30 years: being a good leader and taking care of Soldiers.

Dunwoody will be the featured speaker at Fort Monroe's Women's History Month observance starting at 1 p.m. March 11 at the Post Theater.



**Maj. Gen.
Ann E. Dunwoody**

Dunwoody's presentation is titled "Women Making History Today."

The program is free to the public and tickets are not required. A sign language interpreter will be on site.

Dunwoody received a direct commission to second lieutenant in 1975 after graduating from the State University of New York at Cortland and receiving a bachelor's degree in physical education. She had enrolled in a college junior program at that time which helped recruit women into the Army's officer corps.

During her initial two-year commitment, Dunwoody said she quickly discovered her passion for leadership and helping soldiers achieve their full potential.

"I keep my favorite quote at my desk on a little card," Dunwoody said in Fort Lee's newspaper, the Traveller, a few months after her arrival at the post. "It says, 'If I ever rise above the crowd it is because I am standing on the shoulders of giants.'"

Prior to her assignment at Fort Lee in September 2004, Dunwoody commanded the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.

In earlier key assignments, Dunwoody served from July 2000 through August 2002 as the Commanding General of the 1st Corps Support Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., deploying a Log Task Force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Joint Logistics Command to Uzbekistan in support of Combined Joint Task Force 180. As the division parachute officer for the 82nd Airborne Division, she deployed for Desert Shield and Desert Storm from September 1990 to March 1991.

Dunwoody's postgraduate degrees include completing a master of science in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a master of science in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

The general has also completed the Army's Quartermaster Officers' Basic and Advanced Courses, Basic Airborne School, and Command and General Staff College.

Dunwoody's numerous awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Dunwoody most recently was designated the 2004 recipient of the National Defense Transportation Association's DoD Distinguished Service Award.

The TRADOC Futures Center is hosting the March 11 event.

For more information, contact John Castle at 788-3277.

Army CFSC praises Monroe for high academy enrollments

Fort Monroe is one of 12 installations worldwide to recently earn a participation award from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center for high enrollment figures in the “MWR Academy.”

The Army created the academy in 1986 to “provide a structured, progressive and sequential approach to MWR employee development and training,” according to its Web site.

Academy courses cover everything from catering and club management to overseeing recreational programs and coordinating special events.

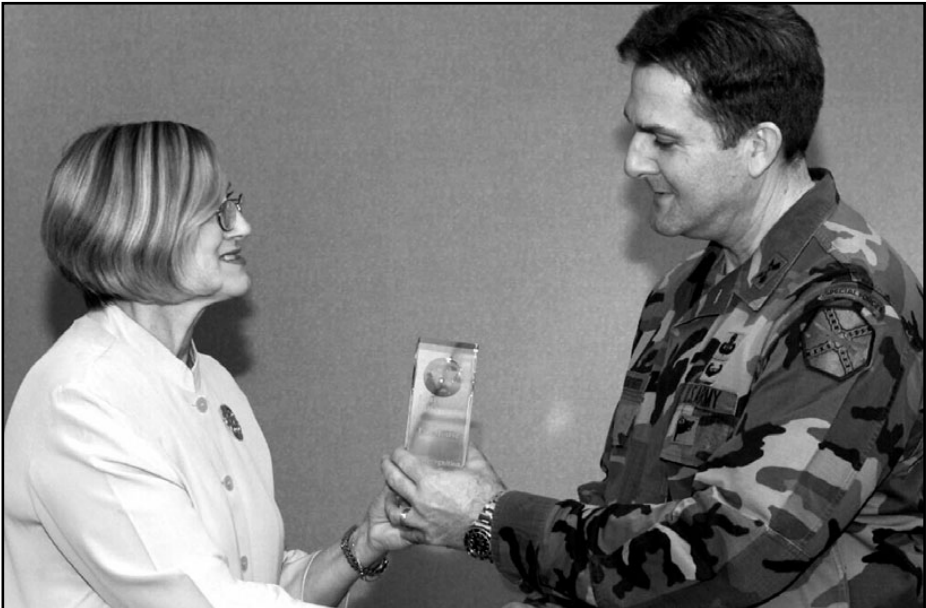
Don VanPatten, Fort Monroe’s

acting MWR director, said the quality of instruction is “second to none,” and his agency sends employees for training every time an opportunity and/or funds exist.

Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, received the high enrollment award from MWR Academy chief Patricia Tucker.

“The result of your program shows each and every day at Fort Monroe,” Allmendinger said. “We have the best MWR staff in the Army and the quality of our programs is second to none.”

An Army MWR team-building seminar titled “Club Led” followed the award ceremony.



Patricia Tucker, chief of the Army’s MWR Academy, presents an installation award to Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, in recognition of Monroe’s participation in the program.

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Chaplain promotes financial ‘workshop’

The Fort Monroe Chaplain’s Office is looking for individuals in the community who would like to take part in a free video training workshop titled “Financial Peace University.”

Those interested are asked to participate in a video introduction to the workshop to be shown at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday at the chapel center. Participation is open to all members of the Fort Monroe community, to include single Soldiers and families.

According to workshop literature, the average participant eliminates over \$5,300 in debt, and saves more than \$2,700, during the 13 lessons of FPU.

The program also promotes effective communication among couples about financial matters, the literature read.

FPU is a “faith based” program created by Dave Ramsey, a Christian financial educator. The instruction teaches participants how to practically and successfully manage their financial wealth from a biblical perspective.

For more information, or to register, call 788-2611.

AER keypersons begin journey toward \$25K goal

Fort Monroe’s 2005 Army Emergency Relief Campaign started Tuesday and will continue through May 15. This year’s goal is \$25,000.

All personnel, to include civilian employees, will be contacted by the keypersons in their organization listed below. Contributions can be in the form of cash, check or payroll deduction.

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Holy Week Schedule

March 24 - Maundy Thursday Episcopal, 6 p.m., Chapel Center Protestant, 7:30 p.m., (Last Supper) Chapel of the Centurion Roman Catholic, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Star of the Sea	March 26 - Holy Saturday Roman Catholic, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary (Solemn Vigil)
March 25 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service, noon, Chapel of the Centurion Episcopal, 6 p.m., Chapel of the Centurion Roman Catholic, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary (Solemn Reading of the Passion/Veneration of the Cross and Communion)	March 27 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Moat Parade Field Guest Speaker: Chaplain (Col.) Lilton Marks, TRADOC Episcopal, 7:45 a.m., Chapel of the Centurion Protestant, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Chapel of the Centurion Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Center Roman Catholic, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., St. Mary

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A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held March 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Activities Center. To check eligibility criteria, visit www.redcross.org/midatlanticblood.

Women’s history trip

In observance of Women’s History Month, the TRADOC Futures Center is sponsoring a bus trip for installation employees to the U.S. Army Women’s History Museum at Fort Lee on March 23. The bus will depart the Community Activities Center at 9 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Reservations must be made by March 18.

To make a reservation or obtain more information, contact John Castle at 788-3277 or john-castle@us.army.mil.

OPC Toastmasters meet

Join members of the Old Point Comfort Toastmasters Club for a dynamic meeting and lots of lunchtime fun while improving communication and leadership skills. The club meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 11:40 a.m. in the Health Clinic, Bldg. 82, Room 248. The next meeting is March 16.

The club’s mission is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment where each member can develop communication and leadership skills. This, in turn will foster self-confidence and personal growth.

For more information, contact publicity chair Beverly Nicholson at 788-4132 or beverly.a.nicholson@us.army.mil. For a list of all Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Empowering Couples Workshop

If you want to improve marriage communications skills, come to the Empowering Couple’s Workshop hosted by the Chapel of the Centurion and St. Mary Star of the Sea. The aim of this workshop is to enhance communication skills

and add zest and freshness to relationships. The two-hour sessions will meet April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and May 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rectory of St. Mary Catholic Church. Material is free and each couple will receive a copy of the book “Empowering Couples.”

The class is limited to 15 couples. All ages are encouraged to attend. Register by calling 788-2611 or 722-9855. Child care is not available.

Graduation Recognition

The Army Education Centers at Forts Eustis, Monroe and Story invite Soldiers, family members and government civilian employees who completed a degree (associate, bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate) between May 2004 and June 2005, and did not have an opportunity to attend their home college’s commencement ceremony, to participate in the first Area Graduation Recognition Ceremony May 20 at 11 a.m. at Wiley Theater on Fort Eustis.

A reception will follow. Anyone interested in participating in the ceremony may send an e-mail to the education services officer — lewisjl@monroe.army.mil — and request an application and more information.

The deadline for applications is March 15. The deadline for submitting transcripts showing degree completion is April 15.

Change in eArmyU

There is no longer a requirement for Soldiers who re-enlist for a combat forces/operational unit to enroll in the Technology Package (Laptop) Option. Now, Technology Package (Laptop) Option in eArmyU is being offered to regular

active duty enlisted Soldiers (E4 thru E6) with less than 10 years of service who re-enlist for three years. Referrals for this option are made by the Retention Management Branch. Soldiers must have three years time in service remaining at the time of enrollment.

Contact an Army education center counselor for more information.

ASE Exams

The next Automotive Service Excellence exams will be administered May 3, 5 and 10. The Army Education Centers at Forts Story, Eustis and Monroe will accept applications for the exams through March 10.

Successful examinees will be certified in their areas of expertise and may also earn college credits. Topic areas include brakes, steering and suspension, electrical, auto body and paint, school bus, parts and collision. Contact your nearest education center for more information.

Aviation Ball

The U.S. Army Aviation Branch’s 22nd Birthday will take flight with a formal ball on April 23 at the Williamsburg Marriott. The guest speaker will be Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Richard Cody who is a U.S. Army Master Aviator with over 5,000 hours of flight time.

Ticket prices are \$30 per person for E6/GS-6 and below and \$35 for all others. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Lisa Wall at 833-8883 or Rwskydive1@verizon.net, or Mark Teixeira at (910) 988-0352.

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Society celebrates women’s history

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe will meet March 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Delargy’s Bistro, Hampton.

In conjunction with Women’s History Month, guest speaker Teri Toepki will give a dramatic presentation, “Miss Sallie’s Confederate Memories.” This meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact David Johnson at 788-3935.

Heroes to get honors

The Army Times wants help to find an everyday hero to be the 2005 Army Times Soldier of the Year. Nominations come from readers. So, tell them about someone whose professionalism, concern for fellow Soldiers and commitment to community service stand out.

Go to www.armytimes.com/soldier and fill out the short nomination form telling why your nominee deserves this award. Keep the nomination to no more than 300 words.

The Army Times Soldier of the Year will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in July to participate in a formal awards ceremony, hosted by Sen. Daniel Inouye on Capitol Hill.

Thrift shop update

The Fort Monroe Thrift Shop will be closed for the Easter holidays March 29 and April 1. The Shop

will reopen April 5 and be open April 8. Consignments will be taken that week but no clothing items will be accepted.

The Shop will close at 2 p.m. on April 8 and will remain closed the rest of the month in preparation for the move to Building 12, across from the PX. The projected reopening date is May 5. Normal consignments of 14 items will be accepted. If dates should change, a notice will appear in the Casemate.

Warrants wanted

The U.S. Army is looking for highly-motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 41 active duty specialties, and the following are experiencing critical shortages: military intelligence, special forces, food service, criminal investigation and airdrop systems technicians. Persons with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or call DSN 536-0328/0466/0271. The toll-free number is 1-800-223-3735, ext. 6 and the last four of the phone number.

Create-A-Will Night

Create-a-Will Night is an opportunity to learn about planned donations to charity and to have a sample will drafted on site, at no

charge, when it contains a bequest of at least \$5,000 to the American Red Cross, Hampton Roads Chapter. This event will take place March 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross, Hampton Roads Chapter, 4915 W. Mercury Blvd. and is free and open to the public.

Call Jill Keech to indicate your plans to attend or for more information at 838-7320.

Job Fair coming

Sixty top companies from across the nation will gather at the Job Leader National Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 8 at the Omni Newport News Hotel.

The companies will offer international, national and local positions from all industries. Contact Artealia Gilliard at (800) 662-2620 ext. 288 or agilliard@ncoausa.org, or visit www.militaryjobworld.com for information, a list of companies and Job Fair updates.

Toastmasters meet

Be a guest at the March 14 and March 28 meetings of the Future Leaders and Thinkers Toastmaster Club at Bldg. 10, 2nd Floor ACA Conference Room at 11:40 a.m.

With some practice using the structured progressive self-paced programs, one can improve communication and leadership skills. Plan now to attend and bring a friend.

For more information, contact

Janet Geisler at 788-2407 or Donna Satisfield at 788-3864.

Feral cat ordinance

With the changes in the City Code pertaining to animals, Hampton residents should be aware that cats over four months old must be licensed, and may only run free outdoors if they are spayed or neutered and properly licensed.

Animal Control is working to identify the number of feral cat colonies in the city by conducting neighborhood assessments. A feral cat is an unsocialized (almost wild) cat that was formerly owned or has been abandoned, or a cat born outdoors that is not socialized.

Animal Control will conduct a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 10 at North Phoebus Community Center regarding feral cats and will discuss the city’s feral trapping program. All are invited.

Animal Control responds to calls or complaints regarding cats. To contact them, dial 311. From outside the city limits or from a cell phone, call 727-8311.

EEO Awards Program
March 16, 1:30 p.m.
Post Theater

For more information,
call 788-3500

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Celebrating the Spirit ... Women's History Month

Spouse recounts flight from Nazi-occupied Germany

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
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Septuagenarian Ingeborg Coffey is a survivor in the truest sense of the word.

Not the TV type, who has a set amount of time to “suffer” and could possibly win a boatload of money in the end. No, her ultimate reward was freedom on shores distant from her childhood homeland — Hitler’s Germany.

“The war started in 1939 for us,” Coffey said. “Discrimination started in the early ‘30s.” She told of how Jewish businesses were destroyed and people were rounded up to be seen no more. She told of how her father was forced to leave their family because he had the “wrong” blood.

“This freedom deal is something quite unique coming from ... well, I don’t like to spell it out even ... I’m glad I’m not under ‘them’ because we would have to do allegiance like so,” she said looking around the floor as if to find the words, then shooting up her right arm with extended fingers while making a face in repulsion.

Growing up in Heidelberg, land mines were a part of her neighborhood’s landscape and aerial bombings were frequent.

“When the bombs fell, there were no lights, no water and no gas. When we heard the American planes fly over, you watched when it was daytime and you could stand in the street and watch them and not go into hiding because the velocity caused them to drop some-where else. But when you heard them whistle, you’d better dig, you’d better get into safety,” Coffey said.

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Ingeborg Coffey
FORT MONROE FAMILY MEMBER

“You had to scavenge for fire-wood and we were in the city,” Coffey said. “When they tore down the buildings here — the large Victorian-era houses — it (the debris) so reminded me of memories of scavenging. No one would understand unless they went through it. As

youngsters we climbed over rubble to go to school, and bodies because of the bombings. Some people you could not dig out, they were burned,” she said shaking her head.

In Hitler’s time, education was strictly regulated, Coffey noted. Lesson plans focused on German history and culture, only. “I never (formally) learned English,” she said.

This survivor would not let a mere Fuhrer destroy her future, however. Coffey worked in chapels during her teen years and learned

church English, not American English,” Coffey said with a laugh.

As a testament to her diligence in learning English, she was asked to be an interpreter at a Billy Graham Crusade in Germany years after the war ended.

But, before she got to that point, there were years of a hand-to-mouth existence.

“The first year I worked for the evangelical church, I was almost like a ‘gopher.’ But I still had to do some serious work. I was sent to pick up bread.”

Under the Marshall Plan — America’s blueprint for the economic growth of post-war Europe — communities were given the means to make little 250-gram loaves of white bread with little raisins in it, she recalled “We didn’t get (the ingredients) ... the baker got to bake it.

“The evangelical church not only had the cooking kitchen, (but also) the devotional (area) for church-related matters — it was feeding the hungry, it was feeding senior citizens. And, once a week it was bread soup in big wash kettles.”

Bread soup is like runny pudding, Coffey explained. Their version was made with crusts, milk, eggs and other ingredients like raisins when available.

“It was good because it was nourishing,” Coffey said. “The food deprivation was ... well, we were always hungry. Even after the war for several years, we were allowed to go out in the villages from farmhouse to farmhouse to beg.”

Despite a seemingly bleak existence, life goes on. In her late twenties, she met her Soldier husband - Cameron - in a chapel. He was a chaplain’s assistant and served in what Coffey refers to as the big, dirty wars: World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He moved his family to Hampton in 1961. His youngest son was born in what is now Craven Clinic while duty took him to Southeast Asia. He fought for freedom; of this, she is proud.

“Freedom I think to me is exuberance; the joy that you can do what you want to,” Coffey said.

While she now refers to herself as “an American by choice,” and is quite content with her simple lifestyle of communing with the Protestant Women of the Chapel here and maintaining a home in Phoebus, Coffey said she still cherishes the memory of her homeland.

“I have two legs in two different countries, on two different continents,” she said. “You cannot erase the German soul.”



Ingeborg Coffey

Officer overcomes bias; achieves lofty career goals

BY BELINDA BAKER
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Fresh out of airborne school, a young second lieutenant was told by a commander that deployment with the unit would be out of the question despite the Soldier’s status as a platoon leader.

That was 1979 at Fort Bragg, N.C. The commander’s attitude at the time was gender based. He alone held the opinion that women didn’t belong in the rough, tough world of the 18th Airborne, recalled Col. Jane F. Maliszewski, a career Soldier of 26 years who was the newly commissioned officer in question.

Today the colonel is Fort Monroe’s highest-ranking female officer and serves as Chief Information Officer for TRADOC. She counts the Fort Bragg experience as her only brush with blatant gender bias.

“At that time, the 18th Airborne Corps was part of a rapid deployment force; if something happened we would be on a plane and gone within 18 hours. I was told right up front by my commander, ‘I know you’re the platoon leader but if we get the call, you’re not going because you’re a woman.’ This was my first day on the job. I didn’t say anything but thought, ‘Alright, we’re going to have to work on that one,’” she said with a slight chuckle at the memory.

Maliszewski said she proved worthy of the job by working hard and earning the trust of nearly 90 Soldiers under her command. “I jumped out of airplanes. I qualified with my weapon. I did everything I was supposed to do. (The commander’s comment) did not become an issue because we never deployed during my time there. But this was the first and only time I was told I couldn’t do something as a Soldier.”

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Col. Jane F. Maliszewski



Pvt. 2 Katherine Brown

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Post Soldier thrives on ‘never-quit’ philosophy

Pvt. 2 Katherine Brown refuses to be a quitter.

At age 19, the tenacious Fort Monroe Soldier has already tackled some of the toughest decisions women across America face every day.

She’s anxious to be a full-time single mom ... once she wins back custody of the child she delivered during her high school senior year. She’s doesn’t regret her decision to set out on her own, leaving behind a hometown where female expectations were supposed to stop at being a good wife and mother. And she shows no sign of disappointment despite the fact that her dream career is on hold until she gets her life in order.

“I’m not the sort of person who let’s anyone, or anything, bully me around,” said the northeast Alabama native who now serves as an administrative assistant for the installation command sergeant major. “I’ve always worked for what I wanted and got it ... I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Not all that long ago, Brown shared many similarities to her teen counterparts in the vicinity of Sand Rock - a 4.5-square-mile speck of a community that 514 people called home in 2002. Just about everybody was her friend, she said, and grown-ups lumped her in the category of “good girl.”

“If they only knew,” she said, flashing one of her ever-present playful smiles. “After all, it was the sort of place where the big thing to do was hang out in the WalMart parking lot until the cops came along and told you to leave. Let’s just say I’ve never claimed to be perfect and leave it at that.”

Brown was also popular around Cherokee

County because of her athletic ability - a byproduct of growing up with four brothers. She excelled at sports and earned positions on the track and field, basketball, volleyball, cheer-leading and softball squads at Cedar Bluff School (student population 630 in grades K-12).

“I had a guaranteed softball scholarship lined up with Jacksonville State (University, Jacksonville, Ala.),” Brown said. “Basically, I was set for the next several years. My school was pretty much paid for and I knew in my heart that I wanted to become a registered nurse.”

Brown had discovered her dream job at an elderly care center where she worked after school. Focusing her sparkling green eyes on an imaginary point in the room, she recalled the satisfaction she felt while helping those who lacked mobility or had fallen ill.

“There’s nothing quite like it,” she said. “Even without words, you knew what you were doing was appreciated. I just fell in love with it and knew I had found what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.”

But fate had other plans. With about 5 months of her senior year remaining, Brown was given the news that initially “scared her to death.” She was pregnant. Thoughts of a potential scholarship vanished. College became a question mark. Was she even ready to become a mom?

“I just kept thinking, ‘how could I be so stupid to have fallen into that mold of unwed pregnant teenager?’ It was embarrassing. I didn’t even know if I wanted to keep going to school.”

Then, her competitive spirit kicked in ... frailty and feeling sorry for herself was not a luxury she would allow. Having her baby and

picking up her life from there became her new vision. She continued school and graduated as planned. And daughter Kloe was born June 18, 2003.

“I started working so I could take care of myself, but I never lost that feeling deep inside that I had to get away and do something with my life,” Brown said with an occasional swish of her hand to add emphasis. “I knew too many people who were all grown up and still living at home with their mom and dad. If I was going to make it, I wanted to make it out on my own.”

One day, “out of the blue” - as Brown described the moment - a friend said “let’s join the Army.” Thirty minutes later, they were sitting in front of the recruiter who had visited their school during senior year.

“Signing up was the easy part. I had a friend who had already enlisted, so I sort of knew what I was getting myself into,” Brown said. “The hard part was releasing custody of my daughter. She had already become my world. The decision just killed me.”

Brown gave custody to “the father’s mother,” as she put it. Her relationship with the family was amiable, and there was no doubt they had the financial wherewithal to properly care for her daughter. Unfortunately, Kloe captured their hearts as well, and they’re now reluctant to hand her back over to her mother.

“I’m going to fight for her ... there’s no question about that,” Brown said. “And I know there are a lot of challenges ahead. Being a single mom isn’t easy, especially in the military. But I also know there’s a tremendous support network at Monroe, and if I need help all I have to do is ask. People in this community are like

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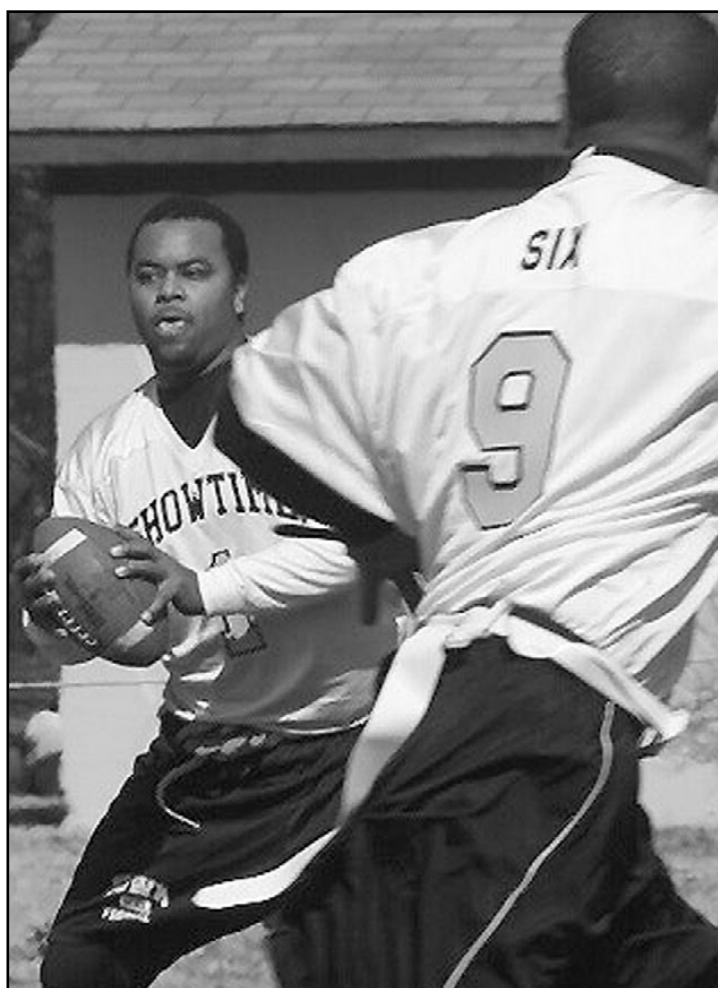


Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Show's over ...

Fort Monroe's Showtime flag football player C.J. Smart prepares to pass as Pennsylvania Blue Dogs lineman Luke Wilson gets into position during a flag football tournament Feb. 27 at Lakewood Park, Norfolk. The Blue Dogs licked Showtime 28-0.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

First place battle continues

HHC's Jadore Scovell (left) tries to maneuver around Cadet Command's Darrell Hinson during Tuesday's intramural basketball game at the Community Activities Center. HHC won 57-49. HHC now holds the league's first-place berth, while Cadet Command is second.

Sports Roundup

Fitness Center Open House

The Fitness Center will be open for 30-minute tours and equipment try-outs March 15 from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

During the tours, various areas of the facility will be shown and visitors will have an opportunity to test drive bikes, treadmills, resistor balls or other sports equipment. Tours will take off at 6:30, 9 and 11 a.m. and 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. There will also be Starbucks coffee sampling.

Regularly scheduled aerobics classes will meet that day. Climbing wall demos and instruction will take place from noon to 12:30 and 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Cholesterol screening, blood-pressure checks and a clean sweep walk will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Door prizes and coupons will be given throughout the day.

Longest Drive Contest

The Longest Drive Contest is an all-day event that is open to all patrons of the Fitness Center on March 15. The best of three shots is counted.

Prizes include MWR coupons awarded to first, second and third place men and women. There is no cost to play. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 788-3090

Easter egg splash

Bring a bathing suit, goggles and a container for your eggs and join in the Easter egg splash at the Community Activities Center indoor pool March 26 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Children 15 years old and under may participate. The cost is \$1 per person. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate for aquatic programs, 25 percent off certificates for various CAC activities, a 50 percent off certificate for a pool party, a free swim lesson certificate (\$45 value maximum) and assorted toys.

The pool will open at 2 p.m. for open or recreational swimming. For more information, call 788-3301.

Shamrock marathon

The 33rd Annual Shamrock Marathon will take place March 19 at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

The walk begins at 6:30 a.m., and the actual-running marathon begins at 7:30 a.m. Additional activities include an 8K run at 8 a.m., children's marathon at 9:15, and a boardwalk one-miler at 9:30.

Visit www.shamrockmarathon.com for more information and to obtain a registration form. Participation fees range from \$20 to \$70 depending on race distance.

Peninsula golf tourney

The Virginia Peninsula Education Foundation of Delta Beta Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will conduct its 8th Annual Golf Tournament April 16, 2005 at the Newport News Golf Course. This is a Captain's Choice tournament with tee time at 8:30 a.m. Registration is Registration 7. to 8 a.m.

For entry forms and more information contact: Clinton Parks at 244-0797 or clinton-parks@aol.com; Larry Townsend at 827-7209 or vallot83@juno.com or Henry Stovall at 872-7605 or henstov@earthlink.net.

R.S.V.P. golf tournament

A charity golf tournament to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Church will be held April 23 in Newport News. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to refurbish the historic church.

The tournament format is shotgun start/best ball format. Registration begins at noon. Mulligans, critter tosses and raffle tickets will be available for sale before the 1 p.m. start.

Prizes will be awarded at a cookout at the end of the day for first to third-place teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be door prizes, raffles and 50/50 winners.

Call 245-4234 for more information.

Lock-in attracts over 50 teens

BY BELINDA BAKER
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Fifty-one local and area teens converged on Fort Monroe’s Community Activities Center Feb. 19 for an all night lock-in.

“I’ve been having fun so far,” said 14-year-old post youth Vincente Stafford while taking a break from sewing in a class deceptively titled, “Cover Yourself.”

“It’s different from what I expected because at other lock-ins we didn’t do any of this kind of stuff.”

Deveron Clayton, 17, and 14-year-old Jasmine Jones, agreed. The two first timers came from Newport News and Hampton, respectively, to participate.

“I’m glad I came because this is a good way to meet new people,” said Jones.

“It’s different but I’ve been having a good time. This is

something I would definitely do again,” Clayton said.

Different is exactly what coordinators from Youth Services and Hampton’s 4-H Club envisioned, said middle school coordinator for YS Renee Nixon who is also an adult 4-H volunteer.

Team building exercises, a peer-led rap session called “Fighting Temptations,” educational workshops and sports activities

took place from 5:30 p.m. until about 8 a.m. the next day.

The unique thing about the event was that post teens got a chance to mingle with kids from surrounding cities in a setting other than school and all who attended are 4-H members.

“I was pleased with the turnout. I think they really enjoyed it. Their feedback has been very positive,” Nixon said.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Just doing some Peek-a-Boos

Three-year-old Olivia Sene does peek-a-boos during gymnastics play at the Community Activities Center gym on Feb. 24. Peek-a-boos are the pre-schoolers’ term for chin ups.

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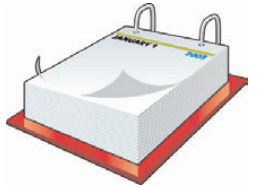
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For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



March 4

Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters' "World of Fun Tour" comes to the Constant Center — ODU campus, Norfolk — Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.

In traditional Globetrotter fashion, this show promises plenty of new and amazing ball-handling moves and comedy routines, as well as "the old favorites" audiences have enjoyed for years.

Tickets start at \$14.50. Courtside seats are \$95. Tickets can be purchased at the Constant Center Box Office (Hampton Blvd.), or reserved by phone — 671-8100.

Rover Cruises

Enjoy a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay while learning more about the war-fighting ships home-ported at Norfolk Naval Station during the daily "Victory Rover" cruise departing from the National Maritime Center, Nauticus, in downtown Norfolk.

During each two-hour excursion, guests are entertained with fascinating commentary about the ships of the world's largest naval base. The journey also includes extraordinary views of the Battleship Wisconsin and the downtown shoreline. And weather is never a problem as guests can enjoy the sights from the main cabin.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, call 627-7406.

March 5

Job fair

Learn about great summer jobs and volunteer opportunities during the Virginia Air & Space Center's Job Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

With summer just around the corner, the center is looking for enthusiastic and customer-service-oriented people to join their team. Numerous part-time positions — to include ride attendants, food service staff, housekeeping and IMAX theater ushers — are available.

The Air & Space Center is located

At The Movies

The movie schedule was not available at press time.

*The Langley Air Force Base movie theater is closed for renovations.

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at LowJ@aafes.com or 766-1237 for details.

Coloring Companions



Photo by Richard Cassem

Fort Monroe family members Bethanie Kindig, left, and Alex Taylor color a poster to advertise their troop's ongoing Girl Scout cookie drive.

ed at 600 Settlers Landing Road in downtown Hampton. For more information, call 727-0900, ext. 776.

Easter Bunny photos

The Easter Bunny is coming to Williamsburg Outlet Mall this weekend and plans to stick around until March 26, allowing plenty of chances for photos with youths of all ages.

Photo sessions are scheduled each Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the mall management office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 565-3378.

FREEdom Days

The Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton, will show its appreciation to the military and their families Saturday and Sunday with a "FREEdom Days" celebration.

All active-duty military members and their spouses and children will receive free exhibit admission, IMAX discounts, and free motion simulator and carousel rides.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. VASC is located along Settlers Landing Road, along the downtown waterfront. For more information, call 727-0900.

Flea market

Antiques, jewelry, sports cards, framed pictures and furniture are just some of the items that will be up for sale during the Olde Towne Portsmouth Flea Market Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Mid-

dle Street Parking Garage.

Nearly 100 vendors from the Hampton Roads area typically participate in the event, which is free and open to the public. Free parking is also available along the street or on the upper floor of the parking garage.

For more information, call 399-0201.

March 6

New Horizons

The gospel group New Horizons will give three March performances in the Hampton Roads area beginning Sunday at 3:30 p.m., at the Emanuel A.M.E. Zion Church, Portsmouth.

Additional performances are scheduled for March 13 at 3 p.m., at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Hampton; and March 18 at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church Denbigh, Newport News. All performances are free and tickets are not required. For more information, call 723-8649.

March 7

Basic computer

A four-week class on computer basics starts Monday at Grissom Library, Newport News. Each two-hour session begins at 10 a.m.

The instruction includes an overview of computer functions, light typing, mouse navigation and some word processing. The course is designed for individuals who

have never used a computer.

All classes are free. Interested participants are encouraged to sign up in advance by calling 247-8875.

March 9

Peninsula READS

Orientation sessions for interested volunteers who would like to take part in the Peninsula READS program will be offered Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. at 393 Denbigh Boulevard, Newport News.

Volunteer tutors help adult learners improve basic reading and writing skills, and provide survival English skills to foreign-born participants.

For more information, call 283-5776.

March 10

'In America'

The Williamsburg Library Theater will offer a free screening of the film "In America" — the story of a young Irish family's struggle for survival in a poverty stricken New York City neighborhood — at 7 p.m., Thursday.

Director Jim Sheridan looked no further than his own life as inspiration for the film. Sheridan's other works include "My Left Foot," "In the Name of the Father," and "Into the West." The free screening is part of the library's Celtic Film Series. For more information, call 259-4070.

ACS Corner

The Soldier and Family Support Center is forming an Exceptional Family Member Support Group. If you are interested in joining, call 788-3878.

Celebrity luncheon

Andy Fox of the Channel 10 news team will be among the featured guests at a Child Abuse Prevention Month "Celebrity Luncheon" fundraiser April 12 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Omni Newport News Hotel, Oyster Point.

Volunteer "celebrity" waiters or waitresses are needed for the event. These participants will actually serve tables while adding to the fun and festivities. Guests can also participate in a silent auction, with all proceeds going to the Hampton Child Protection Team.

If you would like to be a "celebrity" participant, attend the luncheon, or would like to donate one or more items to support the silent auction, call Eva Granville, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 788-3878/3535.

AFAP issues requested

Fort Monroe's Army Family Action Plan Forum will be held March 15 and 16. This forum addresses quality-of-life issues and provides feedback to Army leadership on how programs and services can be improved to meet the needs of military personnel and their families and DA civilians.

Issues are being accepted now for the forum. Persons submitting issues should provide the title of the issue, the scope — which defines the problem — and recommendations for resolving the situation.

Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Beverly Nicholson, program coordinator, at beverly.a.nicholson@us.army.mil or by mail to the Soldier & Family Support Center, 151 Bernard Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

AFAP delegates needed

Delegates are needed to address quality-of-life issues, and make recommendations to Army leadership, during the Fort Monroe Army

Family Action Plan Forum March 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Phoebus American Legion, 221 E. Mellen Street.

Active duty Soldiers, retirees, reservists, national guardsmen, family members and DA civilians can all contribute to the success of this program. Participants must be willing to express their ideas and concerns. Free childcare, lunch and refreshments are provided.

Attendance is considered duty time for DA civilians.

Improved medical and dental services; greater benefits and entitlements; better childcare; additional morale, welfare and recreation programs; and extended family programs have all been realized across the Army, thanks to the input of past delegates.

To register, contact Beverly Nicholson, program coordinator, at 788-4132 or via e-mail beverly.a.nicholson@us.army.mil. The deadline is March 11.

'Toddler Time'

Fort Monroe's "Toddler Time" playgroup meets each Monday (except holidays) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the gymnasium of the Community Activities Center.

All children under age six are welcome. Tents, tunnels, balls, pull toys and other fun things are available for the children. On the first Monday of each month, the Soldier and Family Support Center also hosts a playgroup at the indoor pool from 10 to 11 a.m. Bring

The Fort Monroe Single Parent Support Group will conduct a "Round Table Discussion" March 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Soldier & Family Support Center. Call 788-3878.

your bathing suits and swim diapers for those who are not completely potty trained. A lifeguard will be on duty; however, parents are still responsible for their children in the pool.

Toddler Time is designed to help children develop their social skills by providing unstructured playtime. It can lead to new friendships for the participating children and their parents. The program also gives moms and dads a great opportunity to share experiences, swap stories, and ask for advice about parenting issues.

Toddler Time is open to active duty service members, family members, DA civilians, and retirees. To register or obtain additional information, contact Kathleen Miller at 788-3878.

Anger management

An Anger Management Class is offered by Army Community Services each Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes are conducted at Quarters 1, inside the moat. All participants are required to attend eight sessions in order to receive a letter of completion. For more information, or to register for classes, call Allen Reed at 314-7910 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878.

Newcomers briefing

ACS offers a Newcomers Briefing the second Thursday of each month. The presentation includes a short overview of the services available on and off the installation, and briefings by the garrison commander, post CSM, School Liaison Officer, Post Chaplain, and an EEO representative.

A short tour of the Casemate Museum is also given. The next Newcomers Orientation will be held March 10 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Quarters 1, inside the moat. To register, call Marie Hinton at 788-4344 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878.

Camping workshop

Join the experts of Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Hampton, for a short class on tent assembly and campground selection Thursday at 7 p.m.

This class is guaranteed to give you a leg up on the summer camping season. With the technological advances in tents, assembly may not be as easy as you think, and there are a few simple rules you need to keep in mind when selecting a campsite.

The class is free. For more information, call 262-5200.

March 11

Lunatic, Lover, Poet

Promoted as a "glorious one-man festival of Shakespeare," Brian Bedford brings his stage drama titled "The Lunatic, The Lover & The Poet" to the American Theatre, Hampton, at 8 p.m., March 11 and 12.

A Tony-Award-winning actor, Bedford has starred in more than 20 productions on Broadway. He graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art where his classmates included Peter O'Toole,

Albert Finney and Alan Bates. All of his acting talents are displayed in "Lunatic, Lover, Poet," as Bedford brings an amazing host of characters to life, from tragic kings to comic simpletons.

Tickets are \$25 or \$30, depending on seating location. Discounts are available for students, seniors and military personnel. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call 722-2787.

March 19

Hampton Carousel

After its winter hiatus, the Hampton Carousel will reopen for the 2005 season March 19. The operating hours through spring break (April 3) are Monday through Sunday from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The restored 1920s merry-go-round is one of only 200 antique carousels still being used across the U.S. Housed in a pavilion near the beautiful downtown waterfront, the Hampton carousel is an exquisite example of American folk art.

Carousel admission is \$1.50 per ride. Discounts are offered for multiple-ride coupons. Tickets can be purchased at the pavilion or within

the Virginia Air & Space Center next door. For more information, call 727-6381.

History program

Endview Plantation, Newport News, will present a living history program titled "Committed to the Cause: Women's Contributions to the War Efforts" during regular visiting hours March 19.

Costumed interpreters will portray spies like Elizabeth Van Lew, who raised the Union colors for the first time in four years over Richmond in 1865.

Endview is open Mondays and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 7 to 18. For more information, call 887-1862.

'Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile'

Straight from the children's picture books by Bernard Waber, Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile trounces onto the stage of the Peninsula Community Theatre, Newport News, March 19. Showtimes are 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Join young Josh Primm as he moves to New York City and shares

magical adventures with his stage-struck nemesis Hector P. Valenti and persnickety neighbor, Mr. Grumps, and his misfit reptilian pet, Lyle.

Tickets are \$7 and can be reserved in advance by calling 595-5728.

'Let's Play'

What were the favorite children's toys in the 1800s? What college sport was most popular in 1890? How did "broom drills" promote women's fitness at the turn of the 20th century?

The answers to those questions and more can be found at the fascinating traveling exhibit "Let's Play: Pastimes from the Past," which opens March 19 at the Hampton History Museum, 120 Old Hampton Lane.

Portions of "Let's Play" also explore such topics as the fitness craze, the role of organized sports and the rise of women's sports. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$5, with a \$1 discount for seniors, military and children 4-12. For more information, call 726-5437.

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The encounter set the tone for the way Maliszewski has approached her military career ever since.

“Your personality and your competence have to drive everything. At times you might take some good-natured joking, and I’m okay with that. I have run across people who, in my earlier days, did have a problem with women in positions of authority. Those were attitudinal things that I would just work around. I never let it stop me. I have always been convinced that what I’m trying to do is the right thing for the Army and for the units I serve,” she stressed.

“I always expect a lot from myself in whatever I do. I drive myself the hardest and I put in 100 percent.”

She applied that same fortitude during a bout with breast cancer seven years ago. The colonel does not dwell on the episode except to say that she quickly opted for surgery because she had her sights on a dream overseas assignment.

“At the time I was diagnosed, I was supposed to move from Washington, D.C. to Korea for a battalion commander’s assignment. (It was) something that I’d aspired to do in the Army my entire career, and breast cancer was not going to stop me,” said Maliszewski.

“When the doctor told me that I would probably have to cancel my plans I told him, ‘No you don’t understand ... do whatever you have to do to get me to Korea because I’m going to be in Korea in 60 days.’ And I was.”

Recovery took about a year and did not involve chemo-therapy or radiation treatment. She was overseas as planned the entire time. “I

took my 30 days convalescent leave after the surgery and then went on and commanded my battalion. Nobody there ever knew until near the end of my tour in 1999 during a women’s health week of some kind.”

She recalled taking the floor during a presentation about breast cancer awareness and recounting her story for the first time outside of immediate family circles. The colonel said it was probably her single-minded focus on doing a good job as a commander that saw her

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through ... that and having something to look forward to each day.

Maliszewski acknowledged that challenges and obstacles are just facts of life everyone faces. She said during one assignment she was often asked about harassment and discrimination. She was the only female on a panel of senior officers from the U.S. Army War College that toured university campuses to discuss current affairs.

“My answer was always: ‘The fact that (I’m) given the same opportunities (as male Soldiers), paid the same and expectations are

the same shows that it’s a level playing field,” she stated firmly.

The colonel admitted joining the Army was not part of her life’s plan. The idea was as “far-fetched as the concept of living on the moon” since she had no exposure to military life growing up in Washington Township, N.J. During her sophomore year at Rutgers University, she ambled over to the school’s Army ROTC area with a friend one day during lunch. They both wound up spending the summer in Fort Knox, Ky. at ROTC basic camp.

“I just loved it ... absolutely loved it. I didn’t know anything about leadership at all or what I was getting into. I just really took to the military lifestyle, though. I was always patriotic ... tearing up whenever the national anthem was played. Anyway we ended up signing up and we’re both still in. Making it as far as I have in the Army is one of the things I’m proud of. Being promoted to colonel as a woman in the Army is a pretty significant event,” Maliszewski said with a beaming smile.

“My career has certainly been more than I could have imagined. Before coming here in September 2003, I worked on the Army staff at the Pentagon and had the opportunity to work with all the key staff and the Secretary of the Army. It was a wonderful opportunity to gain insight into how decisions are made at the highest levels and also to get the satisfaction of knowing that my input was driving some of the way the Army is going.”

Maliszewski said she enjoys the same satisfaction today at Fort Monroe and deems her role as TRADOC CIO her most plum assignment. She manages all of the technology for the command, setting policies and procedures in the information technology arena.

“The command climate here is wonderful. I feel like I’m given the freedom to do the things I need to do in my job. It’s been very rewarding and it was such a challenge for me that I decided to delay my retirement for a year and stay,” she said.

“For me the neat thing about the Army is that I’ve had such a variety

of jobs and assignments. Not all of them were things I wanted to do or necessarily liked. But I have learned something very critical out of every job whether I liked the assignment or not. Everything I’ve done in the Army has been valuable from a professional and personal development standpoint. Every job I’ve had has been important in the big picture of things.”

She also attributes her success to the people who have “mentored and nurtured” her and to the Soldiers she’s led over time.

“My success is really based on other people’s influence and just the high quality of people that I have worked with. I’m proud of my affiliation with so many dedicated men and women,” she said. “That brings me to the way I view our Soldiers today. I really admire men and women in the Army that have kids. My husband (Douglas Herr) and I don’t have any children. I have a lot of respect for those who are single parents as well as the dual military couples that manage to raise children while facing deployments.

“Out of all the things that I’ve done and as much as I push myself to give 100 percent, I’m not sure that I could handle that task. I have devoted my life and my energy to my work and to my husband ... What I do pales in comparison. These Soldiers are bringing up the future. Theirs is a massive effort,” she said.

The colonel holds a bachelor of arts in history and American studies from Douglass College and a master’s degree in business administration from Campbell University, N.C. She also has a master’s in National Security Strategy from the U.S. Army War College. She was commissioned in 1979 as a second lieutenant in the Army from the Rutgers University ROTC program.

Among her numerous awards are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Army Meritorious Service Medals. Additionally, she earned the senior parachutist badge and wears the Office of the Secretary of Defense badge and the Headquarters Department of the Army Staff badge.

